

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday December 3rd 2006

EI5IA Silent Key

We regret to announce the death of Don Gibbins EI5IA. A former RAF navigator, Don originally from Galway moved to Westport and was the IRTS Club representative for the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network.

At the Mayo Rally last week a minutes silence was observed for both Don and Richard Glynn EI5GC. The removal and funeral service had a large representation from the Radio Experimenter community, which included Rob Mannion G3XFD.

May he rest in peace.

AREN

AREN were recently invited to attend a training exercise of the South East Mountain Rescue Association. Conor, EI4JN and John, EI7IG attended on behalf of AREN and had a tough weekend in the Galtees participating in the various training scenarios and activities.

AREN wishes to thank SEMRA for extending the invitation and their hospitality.

New Radio Club seeks Donations

Scouting Ireland has been working for the past few years on getting a permanent radio shack at the National Scout Camp site at Larch Hill near Rathfarnham in the Dublin Mountains overlooking the city. The aim of this is to promote Radio Experimentation and hobby electronics in Ireland especially to Scout Leaders and Scouts aged 6 to 21 years.

To date Scouting Ireland has a tilt over wind up tower and a radio shack with lockable presses. A new Club has been set up, called the Larch Hill Radio Club, with the permanent callsign EI3SI.

The club are now looking for radio equipment to put in the shack. There is a full "wish list" on the IRTS website and items will be collected at the IRTS stand at all future

rallies.

Items can also be dropped into South Dublin Radio Club. So we ask you to clear out your shacks with all items going to a good cause. For details contact Daniel on 087-7731120.

IRTS Jubilee

The special 75th jubilee commemorative IRTS logos are available to members for use on their QSL cards, websites etc. Use of the logos will help promote the Society and the 75th year celebrations. The logos can be downloaded from the Society website www.irts.ie. Simply go to the Information section and click on 'Downloads'.

80m Counties Contest

The Society will launch its 75th Anniversary celebrations on New Year's Day with the 80 metre Counties Contest. This was a very popular event last year with almost 100 EI and GI stations active. Given that's its the Jubilee Year, we are asking everybody to make a special effort to be QRV, for at least part of the Contest which runs from 1200 to 1500 hours local time. Full rules are available on the Society website www.irts.ie

As a special incentive, all stations who submit a log to the contest manager will be awarded a special Participation Certificate to hang on the shack wall. In addition, there will be a special Jubilee Year edition of the Worked All EI Counties Award available for award chasers. QSOs for this award must be made during 2007. Given last years 80 metre Counties Contest activity, is it possible that a '26 Counties endorsed' Award number One will be achieved on the first day of the new year?

Theory Examination

The next Theory Examination for the Experimenter's Licence will be held on Thursday the 18th of January 2007 at 2 p.m. in the offices of ComReg, Abbey Court, Irish Life Centre. Dublin.

Places for the examination are limited and some of these have already been allocated. Documentation about the examination will issue in the coming week to those who have already applied. In order to secure a place anyone wishing to sit the examination in January should contact Seán Nolan EI7Cd either at QTHR or by e-mail to "ei7cd at gofree dot indigo dot ie". Those studying for the examination may wish to obtain a

copy of the CD Course Guide produced by the Society. These are available from Seán EI7CD at a cost of 5 Euro to cover registration postage and packaging.

Theory Classes

Theory classes are planned to commence in the Cork area in early January. Anyone interested should contact Dave Moore EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or any member of Cork Radio Club or the East Cork Radio Group.

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio Club would like to thank all who attended the club meetings during the year and to inform everyone that the next meeting will take place on Thursday the 7th of December 2006 (the first Thursday of the month). This will be an entertaining evening and will take the form of a team quiz. Liam EI4GB and Pat EI9GY will be the quiz masters. This quiz has proved to be very entertaining in previous years. Please make a special effort to attend and make it a memorable evening for all. Prizes will be presented to the first three teams.

The Limerick Radio Club Committee would like to thank all those members who contributed and participated at club meetings and who attended club events during the year. The Chairman and committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

South Dublin Radio Club

This year's South Dublin Radio Club Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday the 12th of December. After last year's success, the venue will remain the same; "The Morgue", Tempelogue from 8.00 p.m. until late.

Members of other clubs and visitors are very welcome to this social event. It's always a great turnout. Limited free food will be available for paid up members while visitors can choose from the bar menu up to 9.00 p.m.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The Christmas Dinner will take place in Mr Brumbles, Clonmel on the 9th of December at 19:00 sharp.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

Please note that there will be no theory class in Waterford this Tuesday (the 5th of December). Classes will resume next week, Tuesday the 12th of December.

Radio Frequency Time Signal Service

In the UK, the Radio Frequency and Time Signal service which was until now provided by the National Physical Laboratory will be provided by an external company from the 1st of April 2007. The service is transmitted on 60 kHz and provides a time and frequency standard signal. VT communications will build new infrastructure to deliver the signal from its facility in Cumbria. The new infrastructure will include time code generation equipment, remote control and monitoring system and a new Low Frequency Transmitter.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sundays bulletin.

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